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1. On 15 October 1954, the steamer MARSHAL GOVOROV had to unload apatite concentrate onto barges at Swinoujscie (Swinemunde) in order to decrease its depth of draught. Once the cargo was lightened by more than 510 tons, the MARSHAL GOVOROV proceeded to Szczecin (Stettin) without difficulty. This premature unloading was necessary due to the low water level in the "Kaiserfahrt" from Swinoujscie to Szczecin.¹

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2. The Swinoujscie harbor area was very deserted on 15 October 1954 and there was a noticeable lack of regular maritime traffic. In the harbor only six Soviet minesweepers could be observed.

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1. Comment: the entrance to the harbor had silted up to such an extent that only vessels under 6,000 tons could use the port.

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